

Vision Group F – Prevention and Public Education
Meeting Minutes for September 25, 2000

I. Introduction

- A. Members Present: John Brown, Colleen Campbell, Andy Stark, Ray Mosak, Jorge Alvarez, Maureen Phillips, Lois Williams, Jan Ogar, Fred Claridge, Warren Davis, Michael Osur, Nancy Lapolla, Sharon Pacyna
- B. Non-members Present: Mercia Brandon, Richard Watson, Sheila Keller, Roselyn Cope, Miranda Swanson
- C. Introduction: Andy Stark, representing the California League of Cities, introduced himself to the group. Reuben Grijalva will continue to serve as the alternate.

II. Approval of Minutes

A correction was made to the June 26 minutes: Sharon Pacyna's name was added to the members present list. Also, a question was raised regarding the reference in the June minutes to the group throwing out action item #3 in Objective #7. After some discussion, it was decided that the original item #3 ("Include prevention activities as a component of the basic and advanced life support student's internship") could be problematic as written, but is worth retaining and rewording, when the public education subgroup meets later in the meeting.

Meeting minutes were approved with corrections.

III. Business Items

Vision conference update

Miranda and Richard discussed the upcoming EMS Vision conference in San Francisco on November 30 and December 1, and handed out registration materials. Jan encouraged members to attend and discussed funding arrangements. Roselyn Cope, the newest Vision office staff member from the EMS Authority, was introduced, and Mercia Brandon introduced herself as the Vision Office staff assistant assigned to the Prevention group.

State Report

Jan discussed the State Report and the objectives contained therein.

Grant Funding

Jan mentioned that EMSA is applying for separate grant funding for quality improvement/data and injury prevention projects.

Committee Name

It was decided that the Committee should formally be titled "Prevention and Public Education" to be consistent with NHTSA's terminology and objectives. In addition, the term "prevention" can include both injury prevention and illness prevention.

Subcommittee Meetings

The groups met in their subcommittees for most of the remainder of the meeting, then reconvened to present their reports.

Public Education Subgroup

Objectives number 4, 5, 7, 58 (NHTSA) and 61 (NHTSA):

- ?? Removed three items already covered by OSHA and added CISM (critical incident stress management) and employee assistance programs (EAP) to Step 1.
- ?? Eliminated and combined several action steps and ended up with five. Eliminated step 3 (dealing with internships). Reversed and reworded action steps 2 & 3.
- ?? Moved action steps 6 & 7 to under NHTSA objective #61.
- ?? Added statement to action step 3, to read: “Acknowledge and reward those who seek experiences in prevention activities through employer-based incentives”.
- ?? In new action step 4, added wording to say “Make grants available through EMSA and other funding sources to agencies that provide incentives”.
- ?? In new action step 7, added “Require that funding be made available for the development of materials covering these programs”.
- ?? To objective #61 (NHTSA), added third action step to read: “Create and fund permanent injury prevention and public education staff position at the EMS Authority”.

The group discussed the decision to eliminate the internship training recommendation and decided to discuss it at the Vision conference with the attendees.

Outreach Subgroup

Revised injury prevention registration form and will have sample information in completed form to go out for Vision conference.

Subgroup recommending that to get the community involved they would use the “carrot and stick” approach and ask the EMS Authority to require that all local EMS agencies that have injury prevention grants with EMSA complete the registration form. It is hoped that the data collected on these forms would be “sharable” with OTS and DHS. Also possible to do outreach to constituency groups to encourage them to use the form. Looking at timeframe of March to get form to constituency groups. Still have some questions to address, such as how to format registry site (i.e., interactive or not), will be working with Ed Armitage of EMSA to design form (will talk with him via conference call on October 10). Will be working on action steps, finalizing to get to Jan by October 10. Also want to identify possible funding sources; will develop possible links on website for potential funding. A space for funding identification information is also on the registration form.

Other objective: combining local funding source information with NHTSA objective 61. Subgroup is also recommending there be a staff person at EMS Authority who is dedicated to locating and publicizing (on website) funding sources. Also looking at ways the EMSA can be

aligned with other state agencies (per NHTSA's recommendation) to work together on prevention programs and share outreach and funding pursuits.

The group discussed the need to be clear on NHTSA's recommendation that EMS in California work together with other state agencies conducting prevention and public education programs, and that EMSA continue to participate on task forces and committees convened by other state agencies.

Data Subgroup

Changed #3 objective and narrowed it down to cover prevention data elements (because the System Review and Data Vision Committee is covering broader range of elements; Sharon passed out their data elements). The subcommittee found it difficult to find prevention data elements, so they will identify the top ten injuries (collected statewide) that we want to focus on and present to the System Review and Data Vision Committee.

The group has been researching data elements from several sources. They will be looking at different prevention programs and their outcomes and will provide templates for these different injuries (so, for example, if a paramedic is interested in doing drowning prevention, he would want to collect certain data elements relating to this type of injury). These elements would then be available, through the State EMSA, to other local areas interested in specific types of injuries. This would result in a standardized response to particular injuries and their causes, but would also allow the individual or organization working on those programs to adapt the template for their specific usage.

The subgroup is going to ensure that their products are consistent with the System Review and Data committee's products. Also, they are going to work with the Outreach subgroup to incorporate collecting data elements into the registry form that they are finalizing. They then presented a draft list of data elements:

<u>Motor Vehicle</u>	<u>Drowning</u>	<u>Poisoning</u>	<u>Gun safety</u>	<u>Fire safety</u>	<u>Falls</u>
Restrained	Fence	Safe storage	Safe storage	Alarms	
Unrestrained	Unattended		Trigger locks	Education	
Booster seat	Life jacket		Violence		

Objective 2 was discussed (Develop a Uniform Data Set that includes surveillance data elements fundamental to prevention programs/efforts.) and the need to put it on the web site. The fact that the data sets need to be tested and evaluated was discussed.

The group also discussed the fact that the new DOT paramedic curriculum contains injury prevention and wellness training, and if California adopts the DOT curriculum (as is being recommended), that would help move us ahead.

Next Meeting

The group discussed when next to meet and agreed on November 29, from 2:00 to 4:00, after the EMS Commission meeting adjourns (at the same location in San Francisco).

Meeting adjourned 6:30 p.m. Post-meeting evaluation—rating: 4+; consensus was that it was one of the best meetings; productive and well-organized; food too expensive, though.